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Senator Stroebel: Don't Politicize Tragedy

Madison, WI – Sen. Stroebel issued the following response to Representative David Bowen's statement on the Emanuel AME Church attack:

Conservative policies are not to blame for a racist's evil actions. Racism and the resultant violence have no place in America. I find it sad Representative David Bowen recently used the South Carolina tragedy to make a brazen political statement. His ultimate argument, "much of the Charleston killer's rhetoric is reflected in conservative policy..." is the very type of "rhetoric" we must end if we are going to improve race relations. As one of the politicians working to implement common sense conservative reforms for all, I am appalled Rep. Bowen would insinuate conservative policy positions contributed to a horrible massacre of innocent church goers.

Instead of initiating rhetorical attacks, I would encourage Rep. Bowen and others who might agree with him to consider policy positions specifically targeted at improving the ability of low-income and often times minority children to receive a first rate education, an essential building block to a successful future. Recently, I toured St. Marcus Lutheran School, a predominantly African American school just four blocks south of Rep. Bowen's district. St. Marcus is a long-time participant in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, a conservative policy championed by Wisconsin Republicans and a few brave Milwaukee Democrats. I was thrilled to hear many success stories from recent graduates and witness first-hand energized teachers working with engaged students.

It's these type of conservative policies I will proudly continue to champion so that all residents of this state have an opportunity to succeed.

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